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Dear Ms. Hesse:

When the government stepped in and brought the antitrust case against Microsoft, famed free market economist Milton Freedman stated "the technology industry will rue the day it asked for the government's help in it's struggles to compete against Microsoft." Here we are, four years later, with a recession staring us right in the face. I am writing the Court to let you know that I agree with Mr. Freedman today like I did four years ago and to ask you to approve of this settlement. It is time to end the case against Microsoft.

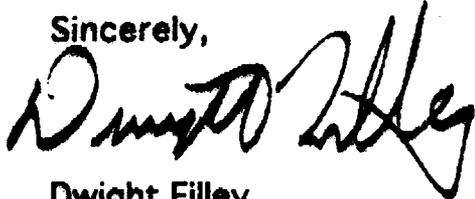
Four years ago, the technology industry was like wild frontier. It was untamed, full of possibility, and free of burdensome restrictions. We experienced what happens when an industry can operate in that sort of environment. Money flowed to new investments like water. Each day saw a new innovation—high speed internet, satellite communication, e-commerce, cd burners...the list is endless. And with all of this wild innovation, the collective of American people grew. We became more sophisticated and our quality of life improved. Then the government came calling...rather...some of those jealous pioneers called on the government.

The case against Microsoft marked the end of the technology revolution. We know now that the United States government can and will attempt to stop anyone who harnesses the strength of this new industry. Innovation has slowed and you don't need to look very far to see the impact of the technology bust. This wasn't irrational exuberance—it was government

crashing the party.

I hope the courts will settle the case against Microsoft. Though it won't bring back the days of the wild frontier, it might clear the way for just a little more exploration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Dwight Filley". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Dwight" being more prominent than the last name "Filley".

Dwight Filley
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